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20 March 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT : Revision of Paragraph 17 of NSCID No. 1

1. This memorandum contains my recommendation for the DCI's action in response to the NSC directive for revision of paragraph 17 of NSCID No. 1. This suggested action is contained in paragraph 3.

2. The Intelligence Advisory Committee tentatively agreed on 18 March to the following rewording of the suggested addition to paragraph 17 of NSCID No. 1:

"The Director of Central Intelligence is authorized to direct the heads of the intelligence agencies, when appropriate, to request the initiation through suitable channels of an investigation of any apparent unauthorized disclosure of intelligence sources or methods and to report thereon."

Mr. Kuhrtz, representing the FBI, has requested inserting the words "within their department or agency" to make it clear that each agency is responsible for its own investigation. I would see no ILLEGIB

Addressed to the Head of a department or agency, such a request from the Director of Central Intelligence would have all the effect of a direct order from the President or NSC and would avoid touching upon sore spots of prestige.

4. The Hull Board's comments on this item read as follows:

"With regard to Par. 17 the Board is increasingly concerned with the repeated serious leaks of intelligence recently brought to its attention. To insure that such disclosures do not continue to occur, the Board believes that better control of sensitive material would be achieved if the responsibility for the protection of intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure together with the authority to discharge this responsibility were fixed somewhat more explicitly than they now appear to be in this paragraph or in the present NSCID #11."

In view of this remark, it might be advisable to propose to the IAC, and to General Cutler when you discuss this with him, inserting after the present words of Par. 17 and before this "directing sentence" referred to above, "Each department and agency is responsible for the protection of intelligence sources and methods within its own area of responsibility."

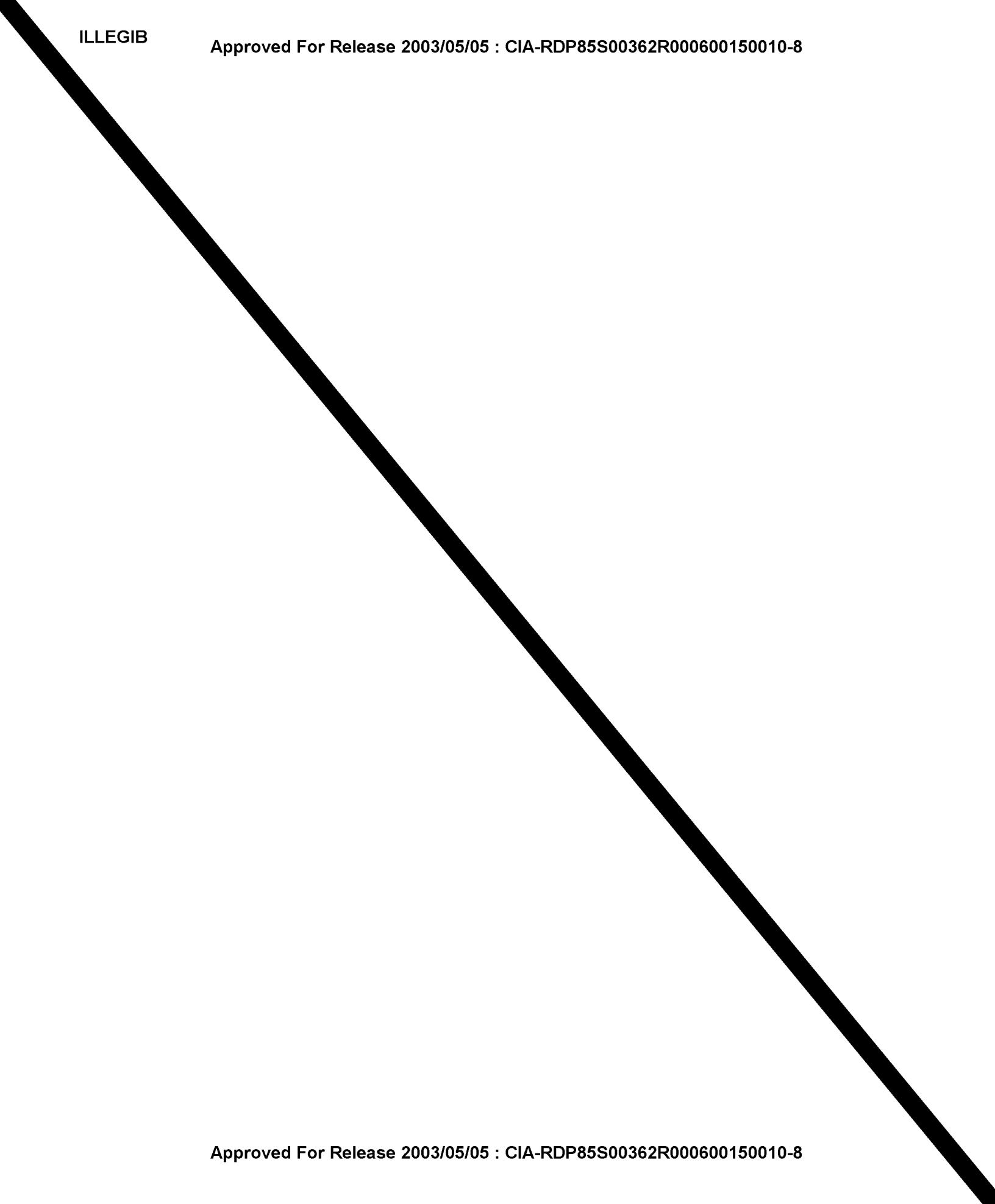
5. You might wish to ask General Cutler's opinion on these suggested changes by telephone. We should send the IAC members a fair copy of the proposed new text as soon as practicable.

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